



131 Locators Association Inc.



Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.
held at Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club
at 11.05AM on Tuesday 21st June 2016

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Ian Amos,
Gordon Malcolm, Bert Blink, Nick Proskurin, Des McGuiggan

Apologies: Paul Dickson, Jim Fitzgerald, Ged Carroll, Vic Danko, Merv Nairn, Bob Billiards.

Welcome	Chairman, Allen Morley opened the meeting at 11.05 AM. and thanked those who travelled long distances to be present.	
Item 1	Minutes of the previous General meeting and Correspondence were circulated with the Agenda and are deemed to be read and correct except as mentioned in Issues arising Item 3 below.	
Item 2	Recent Correspondence (uncirculated) included: An email from John Vickary who contacted an acquaintance in the Accor group and explained our 50th Anniversary Battle of Long Tan project to them and our desire to gather Vets, who through distance etc., may not be able to attend this milestone event. He requested some type of assistance for the event. The Accor group responded magnificently with an offer of 5 rooms at the Mercure Canberra which includes Breakfasts with guests arriving 17 th and departing Saturday 20 th August. The committee responded with warm appreciation for the generous offer and will communicate directly with them expressing our gratitude. Moved G Dignam Seconded B Blink Against Nil Accepted	
Item 3	Issues arising from the previous minutes and circulated Correspondence and were Nil: Move George Lane Second Bert Blink Against Nil Accepted	

Item 4	<p>Financial Report. Current Balance at the Bank is \$7970.61 (DVA Grant \$7825 is still O/s) Financial Membership is currently 142</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr><td>plus</td><td>Associates</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>plus</td><td>Affiliates</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>152</td></tr> </table> <p>Plus Lapsed 12 members Major expenditure in prospect will be costs of Reunion Dinner at the Pavilion on Northbourne in August 2016.</p> <p>Merchandise.</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td>Assn Car Decals</td><td>- stock: 282 – Cost \$759.</td><td>ROI is \$952</td><td>– Surplus \$193</td></tr> <tr><td>Nasho ribbons</td><td>- stock 74 -Cost \$300</td><td>ROI is \$130</td><td>– Short \$170</td></tr> <tr><td>Caps/Hats</td><td>- stock: 19 caps/23 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 -</td><td>ROI is \$2341</td><td>Surplus \$687</td></tr> <tr><td>Polos</td><td>cost 50 x \$1165 sold 15x \$30</td><td>ROI is \$450</td><td>– Short \$715</td></tr> <tr><td>Tee Shirt</td><td>cost 50 x \$ 890 sold 12x \$25</td><td>ROI is \$300</td><td>– Short \$590</td></tr> </table> <p>Moved George Lane Second Bert Blink Against Nil Accepted</p>	plus	Associates	2	plus	Affiliates	8		Total	152	Assn Car Decals	- stock: 282 – Cost \$759.	ROI is \$952	– Surplus \$193	Nasho ribbons	- stock 74 -Cost \$300	ROI is \$130	– Short \$170	Caps/Hats	- stock: 19 caps/23 hats/5 surf. Cost @ \$1654 -	ROI is \$2341	Surplus \$687	Polos	cost 50 x \$1165 sold 15x \$30	ROI is \$450	– Short \$715	Tee Shirt	cost 50 x \$ 890 sold 12x \$25	ROI is \$300	– Short \$590
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Item 5	<p>Presidents report. Allen advised that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He had accompanied George Lane, Ged Carroll, Ron Mason and Merv Nairn, of the 131 Div Loc Bty 1966 Pioneer group along with Ern Newbold, G Dignam and 20STA Maj2 Russell Hamsey and Mrs Margaret Mason to Richmond airbase for the Welcome Home ramp ceremony on 2 June. We were present to honour the memory of Gnr Tom Checkley who died in SVN in 1967 and whose remains were being repatriated to the UK via Sydney. • He had written to the DVA Grants office who confirmed that a bulk amount had been paid in May to the Granville office of VVP&PAA. He then wrote to that ESO requesting that our portion of the payment be passed on to our account ASAP. We are waiting for the funds to arrive in our Account. • Allen advised that he had been notified that NZ veterans of SVN had been invited to attend 50th anniversary Celebrations in Canberra. • Allen also passed on a Big “Thank You” to the Editor of our newsletter, Paul Dickson, for the consistent high quality and newsy items included in every edition that hits your screen each month (even if somewhat late at times). A recognition of the time and effort that goes into the preparation and presentation is very much appreciated by all the Locator community. 																													
Item 6	<p>Public Officer Report.</p> <p>Vic is currently in SE Asia so Nil report.</p>																													
Item 7	<p>Webmaster Update.</p> <p>Bob has supplied stats separately.</p>																													
Item 8	<p>Arrangements for 50th Anniversary Battle of Long Tan event Canberra August 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of guests will be compiled and invitations extended to join us for the occasion. • A list of events published by the AWM and Canberra Vietnam Veterans and the 131 Locators Association are attached to these Minutes. A copy will also be placed on the Events tab on the website and also will appear in the next Eyes & Ears. 																													

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The guessing Competition is still open for purchase and nomination for “a vet that might attend.” Closes Midnight 18 July 2016 drawn at 19th July meeting. • The August General meeting will be held on the 17th in Canberra where we expect a bumper crowd and no one will be elected to anything 	
Item 9	<p>General Business Allen raised the matter of name tags for the committee to be worn at official functions. The plan was adopted and referred to our design sub-committee, Nick Proskurin and Ern Newbold to develop a suitable concept.</p>	
Item 10	<p>Next General meeting will be on: July 19th 2016 at 11.00 AM Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club 26 Humphries Rd Wakeley NSW 2176 PHONE [02] 9604 9975 or Sec/Treas 0437 361 602</p>	
Item 11	Meeting Closed 12.15 PM due to arrival of Pizzas.	
	Signed Allen Morley	Chairman

Addendum A

131Locators Meeting Action Items June 2016 Prior Action Items

1. Due to new planned expenditure in the short term the following projects have been deferred. **Ongoing** Suggestions - George Lane suggested 2 x \$500 scholarships be offered to a Locator's family annually.

Current Meeting Topics

1. Ongoing: Arrange the Canberra 2016 Vietnam Veteran's Day 50th Anniversary programme (including Commemorative Dinner.
2. 131 Bty flag project
3. North Head Flagstone paver dedication date

Updates Completed on Prior Action Items

1. Note: Meeting Minutes are now on the website in Members only area requiring password access.